

# Jon Meacham

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We often talk too much & listen too little. The surer route to winning a friend isn't to convince them that you're right, but that you care what they think.

~Jon Meacham

Our greatest leaders are neither dreamers nor dictators: They are, like Jefferson, those who articulate national aspirations yet master the mechanics of influence and know when to depart from dogma.

~Jon Meacham

A lot of people, including business leaders, think the future belongs to China. Globalization is not a zero-sum game, but we need to hone our skills to stay in play.

~Jon Meacham

[T]o argue that something is so because it is in the Bible is more than intellectually bankrupt.

~Jon Meacham

There is nothing new under the sun.

~Jon Meacham

The Occupy Wall Street protests at last suggest that America's wealth gap is once again becoming an organizing political principle in the country.

~Jon Meacham

Religious belief, like history itself, is a story that is always unfolding, always subject to inquiry and ripe for questioning. For without doubt there is no faith.

~Jon Meacham

In the fullness of time, I suspect that bigotry against homosexuals will seem as repugnant as racial prejudice does today. Or so one hopes.

~Jon Meacham

Liberty is precious. But so is life. It should not be so difficult for men and women of good will and good heart and sound mind to find the right balance between the two.

~Jon Meacham

An important thing to remember about the press is there is no ideological bias.

~Jon Meacham

Here is a pretty good rule of thumb for Democratic Presidents: if it didn't work for Franklin D. Roosevelt, who won four terms and a World War, it probably won't work for you either.

~Jon Meacham

I am a southerner who grew up with and around guns. I own some still. My father gave me a .22 rifle when I was 9 and a single barrel .410 shotgun when I was 10.

~Jon Meacham

Without education, we are weaker economically. Without economic power, we are weaker in terms of national security. No great military power has ever remained so without great economic power.

~Jon Meacham

The government invented the Internet.

~Jon Meacham

No government can be maintained without the principle of fear as well as duty.

~Jon Meacham

One of the central memories of my childhood is of hunting - not well; I

am a terrible shot - quail and dove and grouse on a farm on the Tennessee River.

~Jon Meacham

Sometimes paranoids have enemies, and conspiracies are only laughable when they fail to materialize.

~Jon Meacham

Like the Bible-a document that often contradicts itself and from which one can construct sharply different arguments-theology is the product of human hands and hearts.

~Jon Meacham

The traditional religious right's failure to restore public-school prayer or pass an antiabortion constitutional amendment has likely helped fuel the spread of the more extreme dominionist school.

~Jon Meacham

We are exceptional not because of who we are but because of what we do and how we put the ideals of human dignity, individual freedom, and liberty under law into action.

~Jon Meacham

Jefferson was the rare leader who stood out from the crowd without intimidating it.

~Jon Meacham

President Obama is now losing to 'Republican Nominee' in polls - no name needed.

~Jon Meacham

Reagan is the Republican FDR, an exemplar of presidential greatness.

~Jon Meacham

I do not believe 'Newsweek' is the only catcher in the rye between democracy and ignorance, but I think we're one of them, and I don't think there are that many on the edge of that cliff.

~Jon Meacham

The more we can do to support and promulgate the intellectual traditions of the Abrahamic faiths - of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - the better armed we will be to fight fundamentalism.

~Jon Meacham

I don't think anyone is qualified to answer questions of eternal fate definitively, much less pinpoint it to a given day.

~Jon Meacham

Scripture is not inerrant; believers are called to interpret biblical texts in light of tradition and reason.

~Jon Meacham

The American system of political spending is so unregulated that it might make Adam Smith rethink free markets.

~Jon Meacham

Whenever there is news of a terrible shooting, I wonder why America has so miserably failed to enact even common-sense gun legislation.

~Jon Meacham

As crucial as religion has been and is to the life of the nation, America's unifying force has never been a specific faith, but a commitment to freedom - not least freedom of conscience.

~Jon Meacham

The middle class, one of the great achievements in history, is becoming more of a relic than a reality.

~Jon Meacham

World War II ended the Great Depression with one of the great public-private industrial collaborations in the history of man.

~Jon Meacham

Steadiness of faith, was, in the long run, as illuminating and essential as sophistication of thought.

~Jon Meacham

An epic subject requires a writer of epic skill and scope, and we have a perfect pairing in Cleopatra and Stacy Schiff. Absorbing and illuminating, this new biography will endure.

~Jon Meacham

Barack Obama is many things; among them, he is a tough and even ferocious political warrior.

~Jon Meacham

The way to put oneself in a position to take the harder, more honorable political path is to argue for one's virtues in a vigorous way.

~Jon Meacham

Given that religious faith is an intrinsic element of human experience, it is best to approach and engage the subject with a sense of history and a critical sensibility.

~Jon Meacham

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